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SUBJ: MULTI-REGIONAL PROJECT FOR WOMEN IN BROADCAST IN-  
DUSTRY: NOMINATION OF CANDIDATE-MARVO MANNING

REF: (A) STATE 6914 (B) STATE 025224 (C) BRIDGETOWN 1026

1. EMBASSY WISHES TO NOMINATE FOR SUBJECT PROJECT MISS MARVO MANNING, CARIBBEAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION TELEVISION ANNOUNCER AND NEWSCASTER. BECAUSE OF LIMITED TIME AVAILABLE FOR SUBMISSION OF NOMINATION, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF DELAY CAUSED BY SUDDEN REDUCTION (AND SUBSEQUENT RESTORATION) OF OUR ALLOTMENT, WE HAVE ALREADY APPROACHED NOMINEE TO ASCERTAIN HER AVAILABILITY.

2. ALTHOUGH GRANT FOR THIS PROJECT MIGHT APPEAR AT FIRST SIGHT TO DEVIATE SOMEWHAT FROM PROGRAM OUTLINED REF (C), WE BELIEVE THAT, IN FACT, IT IS WHOLLY CONSISTENT WITH THAT PROGRAM. EMPHASIS OF OUR PROGRAM HAS BEEN, AND CONTINUES TO BE, ON GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS. THIS IS AN ELECTION YEAR IN BARBADOS AND MISS MANNING, AS A TELEVISION PERSONALITY COMMENTING ON POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS, IS IN VERY INFLUENTIAL POSITION POLITICALLY. ALSO, AS POINTED OUT REF (C), WOMEN ARE INCREASINGLY ACQUIRING POLITICAL STRENGTH IN THIS AREA, AND WHILE WE REMAIN HOPEFUL ST. LUCIA MINISTER OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MRS. HERALDINE ROCK WILL ACCEPT A GRANT, WE DO NOT FEEL THAT TWO GRANTS TO WOMEN OUT OF TOTAL OF SIX IS EXCESSIVE.

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3. MISS MANNING HAS ALL THE QUALIFICATIONS OUTLINED REF (A).

SHE IS EMPLOYED BY ONLY TELEVISION STATION IN BARBADOS, IS WIDELY RESPECTED AS NEWS BROADCASTER, HAS HAD 11 YEARS OF PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE, HAS POTENTIAL FOR ADVANCEMENT TO TOP LEVEL POSITION, IS 37 YEARS OLD AND IS, OF COURSE, NATIVE SPEAKER OF ENGLISH. IN ADDITION, SHE IS FORMER FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT OF BARBADOS PRESS ASSOCIATION AND HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN THEATRICAL AND VARIOUS COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING ASSOCIATION FOR MENTALLY RETARDED, RED CROSS AND JAYCETTES.

4. INFORMATION REQUIRED PER REVISED NOMINATING PROCEDURES SET FORTH IN ENCLOSURE TO STATE A-451 FOLLOWS BY AIRGRAM, TOGETHER WITH TWO RECENT GLOSSY PHOTOS OF NOMINEE.  
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